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Medical team real 'Amigos' To needy of Big Bend area

(The following article, written by Dan Martin, staff writer for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, appeared in the November issue of the "Mission Action News." Other Bastrop people who are actively involved in this work frequently join Dr. and Mrs. Goddard on their mission trips.)

Because of medical missions, many people along the Big Bend section of the Rio Grande are being ministered to and won. Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Goddard of Bastrop, Texas, have been instrumental in bringing the Gospel and ministry to the people along the Rio Grande in this section of Texas.

During the three years Dr. Goddard and his wife, a nurse, have been involved in work here, he estimates he has seen some 6,000 patients and has ministered, treated and cured for them.

But, he has told all of them about Jesus Christ.

MARFA
"WE GO PRIMARILY to witness," Dr. Goddard said. "People will get a greater blessing from this work than from anything else."

"Christian people can teach the people here about Jesus and that's what they need more than anything else," Dr. Goddard said.

Dr. Goddard, 56, spends 25 per cent of his time and talent in mission work among the impoverished and lost along the Rio

Grande near Marfa. He works three weeks and takes one week out to work in medical missions. He also spends his vacations here.

HE BECAME involved about three years ago. "My wife (Marion) and I had been praying for something to do. We didn't feel like we were doing enough," he said. Then, he read about Amigos Internacionales' first bus in a story in the Baptist Standard.

Contact was made, and three summers ago the Goddards went to work with the Rev. Lloyd Conner, pastor of First Baptist Church here.

"They've been going back regularly, and now have made about 12 trips.

"I enjoy it better than anything else," he said.

HIS MISSION interest has translated itself into an every-week activity as he runs a mission clinic in Bastrop every Wednesday afternoon he's there.

"In addition, I also have a lot of speaking engagements. I spoke in 30 or 40 different churches last year. We were telling of the experiences we had, showing slides and trying to get people interested . . . particularly doctors and nurses," he said.

"It's a wonderful pleasure. It gives a great sense of satisfac-

tion. They'll never get a greater blessing than from this work," he said.

IT ISN'T easy work, either. The Rev. Mr. Conner, in a letter describing the last mission Dr. Goddard made to Marfa, said he saw about 1,200 patients.

"About 500 were given medical treatment and medicine. Some 500 plus were given shots and other immunizations — DPT, smallpox and polio.

"It is estimated that treatment, if given at regular prices in a doctor's office, and the medicine sold at regular prices, the care given freely would have cost about \$12,000," the Rev. Mr. Conner said.

THE WEEK, which started in late August and ended in early September — went like this:

"Dr. Goddard arrived in Marfa on Saturday night and preached in our church Sunday morning. In the afternoon, the medical unit and dormitory unit were moved to an area that is very remote at Porvenir, on the river west of Valentine, about 75 miles west of Marfa.

"On Monday the unit was at Porvenir and treated about 150 people, providing them with medical attention and the necessary drugs.

"Tuesday, the unit was at Pilares, about 10 miles down river from Porvenir. After a five-hour delay — stuck in a normally dry arroyo that was flooded from heavy rains in the mountains — about 50 patients were seen and 30 shots given.

WEDNESDAY, the unit was at Lomas de Arenas, 10 miles up river from Porvenir where about 80 were treated and 100 given shots. Then the units were moved to go down river below Presidio to an area that had not received medical treatment before.

"The night was spent at Marfa, the unit supplies replenished and preparation made for the next two days.

"Thursday, we went to Mula, Mexico — staying near the river on the Texas side — but only nine came over to the unit as the river was running very fast and deep.

"At noon we moved back to Redford, a small town of 80 people near the river, 17 miles down river from Presidio. After 4 p. m. some 60 patients were seen and shots were given to about 40.

"FRIDAY WAS overwhelming. "News was given on the radio at Ojinaga, Mexico, that we were in the area giving free medical service and about 500 showed up for treatment. Shots were given to 375, and about 150 more could have been given but we ran out of supplies.

"Some 200 were treated by the doctor in the medical unit and others had to be turned away. "New Testaments and Gospel Tracts were given to every family that did not have a Bible. They were very anxious to get the "books" — and only God knows what might come from the witness of His word in these homes."

THE REV. MR. CONNER said the work crew involved the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Pedrosa, associate pastor of FBC, Marfa; Miss Elodia McGuire, a bi-lingual college-age student from Marfa; Mrs. Conner, the Rev. Raymond Sanders, area missionary from the Big Bend Baptist Association, and the Rev. Ken Ambrose, pastor of First Baptist Church, Mon-

New Way To Cure Heroin Addiction

HOUSTON — Your doctor now has available a way to conquer completely heroin addiction. This announcement was made today by Doctor Paul Williamson of Practice Research, Inc.

"First, we put the patient on methadone which might be described as a milder "narcotic," Doctor Williamson said. "When an addict takes methadone, he can hold a job or go to school. This is impossible on heroin. In six months to a year, after he establishes a normal life, we then use electroshock to take him off methadone.

"Electroshock has been used for as much as ten years in Germany to fight addictions," the doctor said. "It is now being manufactured in Texas, in New York and will shortly be manufactured in Nebraska. The Russians have had a similar technique for twenty years and the Japanese for about eight.

"We have the means, but we haven't the people," Doctor Williamson said. "It is the function of Practice Research to tell the people and the doctors what now can be done. We cooperate in any way possible with all existing anti-heroin programs. Our work is funded by foundations.

"For example, in Fort Worth, there is an entirely private program run by Doctor P. J. Carter. He has had great success with many addicts. Our job is to inform the people and to do anything within our power to assist Doctor Carter."

Waste Compactor Solves Garbage Problems

What's the worst conglomeration of mess in any household? Garbage, of course, piles and piles of it.

And what's worse than staring at mounds of garbage? Taking it out.

Such unpleasant chores never cease for the homemaker, unless a new waste compactor is stored beneath the kitchen cabinet, advises Jan Sluobough, Extension housing and home furnishings specialist.

The waste compactor reduces the bulk of a week's worth of garbage on a 4-to-1 ratio in 60 seconds, with just the push of a button. It injects a deodorizer solution and then pops the crushed waste into a bag.

The new appliance consumes all kinds of garbage, including paper wrappings, boxes, cans, plastic and glass bottles and most food wastes.

Texas receives about \$500 million a year for gas sold to other states.

atoms, and four of his hymens. The Rev. Mr. Conner said the Montheism men "came Friday to look over the field to see about beginning a mission work there, and since we had so many we put them to work."

THE MARFA pastor issued an appeal: "Our plea is for more medical doctors and nurses. Dentists are urgently needed. Most of those people need dental care. "The fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few," he quoted.

Dr. Goddard's words echoed back: "People will get a greater blessing from this work than from anything else."

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Southwestern Bell joins in Speeding election returns

Your favorite candidate may or may not have emerged victorious on November 3, but either way you knew the winner in a hurry.

For the first time in election coverage history, newsmen and the telephone company put it all together to come up with the fastest and most precise communications network ever.

"Election results information got a big boost from new data-speed equipment that prints at more than a thousand words a minute," said C. L. Carson, Manager for Southwestern Bell. "That's ten times faster than ordinary printers."

But this was only part of the story.

In addition to providing data-speed equipment, the telephone company worked for two years with members of the News Election Services (NES), composed of the Associated Press and UPI wire services and the ABC, CBS, and NBC networks, to coordinate a special nationwide communications network. Employing thousands of people and computer hardware, this effort culminated November 3 as voting results were gathered, packaged and delivered into American homes within minutes of the time they were tallied.

Here's how it worked: As soon as the polls closed and votes were tallied, NES reporters located at each precinct relayed results by long distance telephone calls to the regional center in Fort Worth, Texas. This center served Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma.

The information was translated into computer language and sent by Data-Phone data service to the NES national computer located at Rockefeller Center in New York. Simultaneously the same data branched out by private line teletypewriter to the various state headquarters and the NES affiliate members in the respective states.

The millions of pieces of information fed into the national com-

puter in New York were pumped out and carried continuously to the news media by private line data services. The entire process — from precinct to on-the-air-

broadcast — averaged about 10 minutes.

"It was a massive job to handle one million telephone calls from 200,000 NES reporters in all

30 states, to instruct telephone operators from all over the country in special billing arrangements, and to install a battery of telephones and teletypewriters in the regional office," Carson said. Equipment installation continued right up to election day, and dismantling started the day after. "Now that it's all over," he said, "we're starting to plan for 1972."

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